

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7023

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Bill Beck.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of our esteemed colleague Representative Bill Beck of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, known affectionately as the "Prince of Madison," Representative Beck distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the good people of the 51st House District, whom he served as a member of the 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, and 113th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, born on March 21, 1962, Carson W. "Bill" Beck received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Belmont University and his Juris Doctorate from Nashville School of Law; for thirty-three years, he practiced law with his family firm, Beck & Beck Attorneys at Law, earning the respect of the courthouse and those of the Madison suburb where he grew up; and

WHEREAS, Representative Beck was an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process throughout his time in the General Assembly; his remarkable record included service as the Democratic Caucus Floor Leader and a member of the Civil Justice Committee; State Government Committee; Transportation Committee; Ethics Committee; Select Ethics Committee; Judiciary Committee; State Committee; Naming, Designating & Private Acts Committee; Joint Fiscal Review Committee; Insurance and Banking Committee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Departments & Agencies Subcommittee; Workplace and Harassment Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Select Ethics Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a member of the Calendar and Rules Committee of the Second Extraordinary Session and the Judiciary Committee of the Third Extraordinary Session

during the 112th General Assembly and a member of the Public Safety Committee of Extraordinary Session II of the 111th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Beck worked diligently to pass several bills, including ones that expanded maternity and paternity leave for state employees and ensured that homeless students obtain a birth certificate and a photo identification; his success was attributable to his ability to work not only with those in his party, but also those across the aisle; and

WHEREAS, he also gave back to his community through his involvement with and contributions to the Kiwanis Club of Madison, Inglewood Homeowner's Association, American Legion Post 82, Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce, Madison Chamber of Commerce, Discover Madison, Inc., Historic East Nashville Merchants Association, and Allegro School of Music, which he served as a member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, a member and fellow of the Nashville Bar Association, Representative Beck was honored by Fifty Forward Madison with the Best Problem Solver Award and received recognition in civil engineering from the Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Representative Bill Beck will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his beloved wife, Pamela Beck; daughter, Meredith (Andy) Costello; mother, Martha Lucinda Cone Beck; brother, Robert B. (Sonia) Beck, Jr.; sister, Perkie (Jim) Cannon; nieces and nephews, Karl Beck, Sara Cannon, Clare Cannon, Katherine Fincher, and Reese Lovely; sisters-in-law, Karen Zanoni and Melissa (Billy) Lovely; mother-in-law, Jo Ann Evans; future granddaughter, Evelyn Costello; and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Robert "Bob" Beryl Beck, Sr., and father-in-law, Andy Evans; and

WHEREAS, a powerful voice for the city of Nashville, Representative Beck offered wise counsel and steadfast friendship that were appreciated by all who were fortunate to know him, as were his quick wit, gregarious nature, and unforgettable laugh; and

WHEREAS, Bill Beck leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Representative Bill Beck and his life of service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, reflecting fondly upon his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.